

# GRIZZLY GAZETTE

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STRONGER TOGETHER

## RCTC CULINARY ARTS AND BAKERY SCIENCE

### February is Career and Technical Education Month

Ypsilanti Community Schools would like to congratulate RCTC Bakery and Culinary Sciences and thank CCC Intelligent Solutions for thier generous donation to purchase computer equipment for the RCTC. These computers will be used in an important manner to advance our students' education and give them practice using technology in a real life environment.



RCTC Culinary Arts and Bakery Science will participate in the Statewide Michigan ProStart Competition on March 5 & 6. The competition brings together ProStart students and schools from across the state for two days of showcasing their talents in the hospitality industry!

Competition categories include:

- Culinary
- Management
- Nutrition
- Knife Cuts
- ServSafe Quiz Bowl
- Tabletop Design
- Cake Decorating

First Place winners of the Culinary and Management competitions secure their spot at the National ProStart Invitational in Washington D.C. Let's all wish them GOOD LUCK!

*Congratulations*

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WHERE YOU BELONG

## YCS VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR COMING SOON

On Thursday, February 23, Ypsilanti Community Schools will host a Virtual Career Fair to connect job seekers with district administrators. The district is currently hiring teachers, bilingual staff, paraprofessionals, bus monitors, bus drivers, social workers, special education staff, food service workers, and preschool staff. District Department Directors and Principals will be on hand to interview potential candidates. "Leaders and jobseekers will be able to connect more easily by meeting virtually during this event, providing jobseekers convenience during the job search and our district department heads a more diverse talent pool," said Sue McCarty, YCS Director of Human Resources. "We're excited that job seekers will have this opportunity to connect with our administrative team, thanks to our staff for making this a successful hiring event."

**Virtual CAREER FAIR**  
Thursday February 23, 2023  
3 PM to 6 PM

**NOW HIRING**

- Teachers
- Bilingual Staff
- Paraprofessionals
- Transportation/Bus Drivers
- Social Workers
- Special Education
- Food Service
- Preschool

#yeswhereyoubelong

**Benefits for working at YCS**

- Low-Cost Health Benefits
- State of Michigan Pension Plans
- Centrally located between EMU and UM
- Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Plans
- Supportive Mentoring Staff
- Stipends for Extra Duties

734.221.1221  
www.ycschools.us

Link to register : <https://forms.gle/zPetDgPChs67mKXo8>

The YCS Virtual Career Fair will be hosted on Zoom. Participants are required to register and will receive a meeting link once registered. The virtual career fair will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023, from 3 pm until 6 pm. Sign up to join a team of dynamic individuals who are committed to helping children succeed. If you're interested, sign up at <https://forms.gle/zPetDgPChs67mKXo8>.

## IT'S KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIME!

Starting school is an important time in a child's life and children's readiness for school is important to us. Kindergarten registration began on February 1, 2023. Registering early allows the teachers, principals, and school district several opportunities to connect with you and your child before school begins and allows us the opportunity to plan for the upcoming school year.

We have several Open Houses scheduled and invite you to bring your little scholar in to meet the Principal, hear about our programs, and tour the building.

**CLASS OF 2036**

**CLASS OF 2036 kindergarten**  
Enrollment begins February 1, 2023

**Open Houses**

Feb 23, Mar 22 & 23, Apr 27, May 24  
(3:00-4:00 pm)

Perry 550 Perry Street p: (734) 221-1701  
Ford 2440 Clark Rd p: (734) 221-1801  
YC<sup>2</sup> 1076 Ecorse Rd p: (734) 221-1696

Feb 23, Mar 22 & 23, Apr 27, May 24  
(4:45 - 5:45 pm)

YIES 503 Oak Street p: (734) 221-2400

**You will need the following to enroll:**

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency
- Parent ID
- Your Child

**Appointment Sign up**

QR code for appointment sign up

## A LEGACY IN THE MAKING



### JUST A KID FROM YPSI

On Tuesday, February 14, the district showcased eight shining stars from the Ypsilanti and Willow Run area on Just A Kid From Ypsi!

The Third Annual YCS Black History Month Speaker Series event highlights the positive contributions of graduates from Ypsilanti High School, Willow Run High School, and Ypsilanti Community High School or grew up in 48197 or 48198! Participants learned about the career paths they have taken and the impact Ypsi had on their lives! The event was engaging and participants were engaged in the individual stories.

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### YOU DON'T KNOW MY STORY: CONNECTED AND ENGAGED



On Wednesday, February 15 and Thursday, February 16, the You Don't Know My Story student retreat is entering its second year! Each year, 25 young men and 25 young women are selected to attend an all-day retreat at the YCS Board Office that will focus on staying connected and engaged. The day is filled with guest speakers, networking activities, and more as we continue to show the young people of Ypsilanti their greatness. This event is closed to the public.

**BLACK**  
*History*  
**MATTERS**

# STATE & FEDERAL PROGRAMS



**KACEY CORBIN**  
DIRECTOR OF STATE AND FEDERAL  
PROGRAMS

## SECTION 31A – AT-RISK

Section 31a of the State School Aid Act provides funding to eligible districts for focus on the following student outcomes: attending school regularly, reading proficiently by the end of 3rd grade, being proficient in mathematics by the end of 8th grade, and being career and college ready by high school graduation.

Funds afforded through Section 31a At-risk are limited to instructional services and direct non-instructional services to pupils. They may not be used for administration or other related costs. An “at-risk pupil” is a pupil that means any of the listed criteria as identified in Section 31a.

- Economically disadvantaged
- English learner
- Chronically absent as defined and reported to CEPI
- Victims of child abuse or neglect
- Pregnant teenager or teenage parent
- Family history of school failure, incarceration, or substance abuse
- Immigrant
- Did not complete high school in four years and is still in school
- Did not achieve proficiency in ELA, mathematics, science, or social studies state summative assessment
- At-risk of not meeting the LEA's core academic curricular objectives in ELA or mathematics based on local assessments

## BUS TRACKING APP

Do you have a scholar who rides the school bus? Do you want to be able to keep track of the bus? We encourage you to download the Versatrans MyStop App. The Versatrans MyStop is an app that is available on any iOS (Apple) or Android (Google) smartphone. The program is designed to help you keep track of your student's bus location and the estimated arrival time of the bus. You can find the directions using this [link](#).

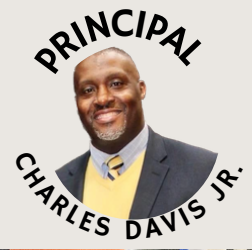


**WE ARE HIRING  
BUS DRIVERS**  
CALL (734)221-1210  
FOR MORE INFORMATION





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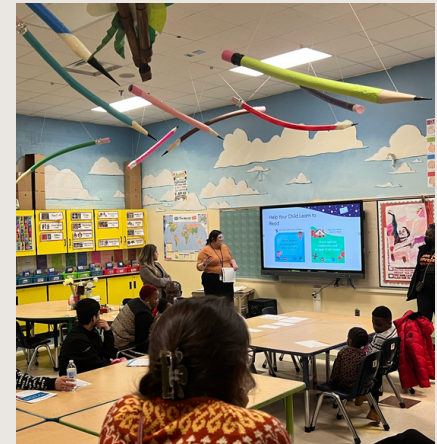
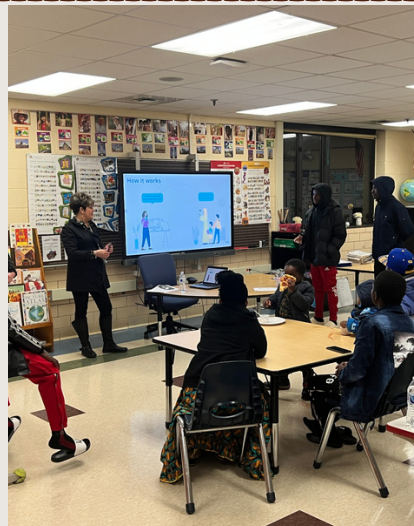


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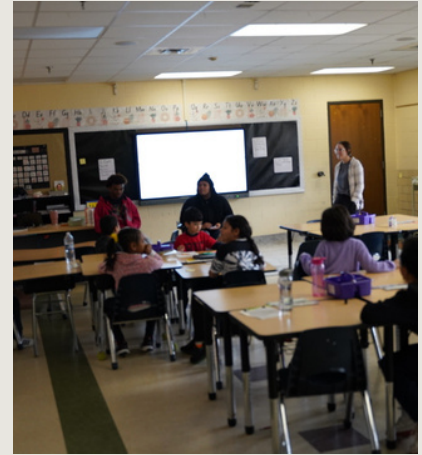


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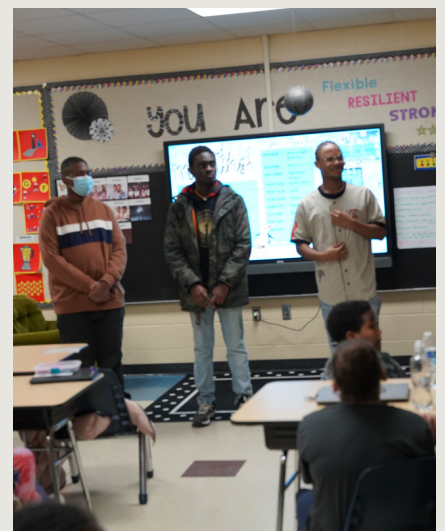




# ESTABROOK & YCHS SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT



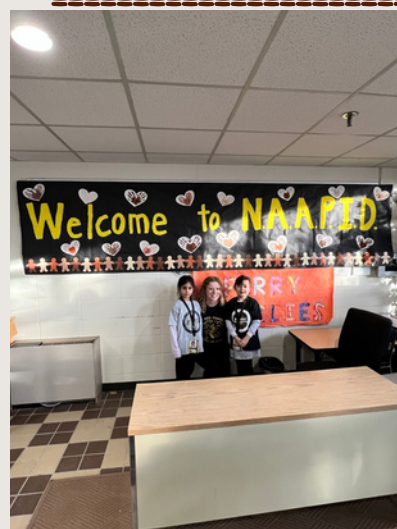
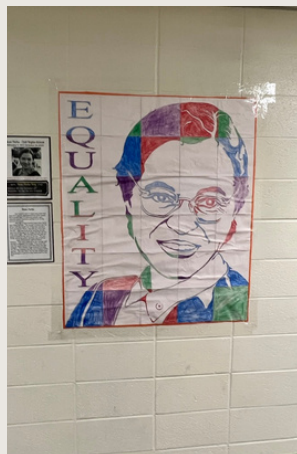
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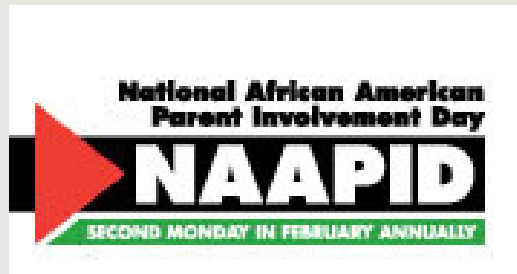
# PERRY NAAPID 2023







# YCMS NAAPID 2023



# IN THE DISTRICT THIS WEEK

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL OF CHOICE PERIOD 2/9/23-10/4/23  
MID-WINTER BREAK 2/20/23  
VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR 2/23/23 3-6 PM  
YCHS CHOIR PRESENTS "PEOPLE GET READY" 2/23/23  
OPEN HOUSE 2/23/23 3-6 PM  
BOARD MEETING 2/27/23



NWEA TESTING 1/9/23 - 2/10/23

## ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

HOME  
AWAY

### HIGH SCHOOL

### BOYS BASKETBALL

TUESDAY 2/21/23 @ ADRIAN - 7PM

FRIDAY 2/24/22 VS CENTRAL ACADEMY JV & VARSITY (SENIOR NIGHT) 5:30PM & 7PM

TUESDAY 2/28/23 @ DEXTER

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

TUESDAY 2/21/2023 VS ADRAIN - 5:30/7PM - SENIOR NIGHT\*

FRIDAY 2/24/2023 @ LINCOLN - 7PM

### BOYS SWIMMING

FRIDAY 2/24/23 SEC WHITE INVITATIONAL @ JACKSON - 12PM

SATURDAY 2/25/23 SEC WHITE INVITATIONAL @ JACKSON - 12PM

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

### MS GIRLS BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY 2/22/23 @ ADRIAN - 4:15/5:30PM

MONDAY 2/27/23 VS. CHELSEA - 4:15/5:30PM

PURCHASE TICKETS



[HTTPS://GOFAN.CO/APP  
/SCHOOL/M110130](https://gofan.co/app/school/M110130)

# YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## Board of Education

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**DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**SEEK GRANT PROJECT DIRECTOR**

## About Ypsilanti Community Schools

Ypsilanti Community Schools is a PreK-12 district that offers students and families access to a rigorous culturally responsive curriculum through individualized support that helps students advance their learning. We offer project-based learning, Small Learning Communities (SLCs), small class sizes, high dosage tutoring, a K-5 and 6-12 International Baccalaureate curriculum, a STEMM Middle College, Dual Enrollment, a comprehensive Fine Arts program, and a highly qualified teaching staff that cares about the relationships we have with our students and families.

We are committed to providing every student with an education that supports voice, choice, and student agency. We use restorative practices to create a culture of belonging where we do with and not to students and we are intentional to ensure that every student is seen, heard, understood, valued, respected, and cared for.

### OUR MISSION

The purpose of YCS is to develop mindful, engaged students with the skill set, work ethic, and attitude to contribute to a community that honors diversity, equity and justice.

### OUR VISION

YCS is — Academically strong and committed to transforming in ways that help students thrive.

YCS is — The choice for a trusted, reliable, and socially just district.

YCS is — A sense of connection for families and students in a district where each and everyone is valued and belongs.

YCS is — Your consistently well-managed and organized school district.